

be dead when that time came? What if Jesus did permit them to think this until he got ready to explain to them differently? What has this to do with the facts as we find them? We shall speak of this apparent trouble further on.

Permit me to point out some more passages that no one can explain if Jesus kept the Passover.

Matt. 27:15. "Now at the feast the governor was wont to release unto the multitude one prisoner, whom they would." How could he, if the feast was passed?

Mark 14:12. "And on the first day of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the passover, his disciples say unto him," etc.

Luke 22:15, 16. "And he said unto them. With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not eat it until it be fulfilled in the kingdom." What? Luke 23:54. "And it was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath drew on."

John 13:1. "Now before the feast of the passover," etc.

John 13:29. "For some thought because Judas had the bag, that Jesus said unto him, Buy what things we have need of for the feast." This verse shows that the apostles understood that the Passover feast was yet in the future.

John 18:28. "They led Jesus therefore from Caiaphas into the palace, and it was early, and they themselves entered not into the palace, that they might not be defiled; but might eat the passover." If Jesus kept the passover, there must have been another that the Jews intended to keep.

John 19:14. "Now it was the Preparation of the passover: it was about the sixth hour."

Why, at the crucifixion it was still the Preparation day. If Jesus kept the Passover it could not have been as the Preparation day was always the day before the feast.

John 19:31. "The Jews therefore, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remain on the cross upon the Sabbath (for the day of that Sabbath was a high day), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away." This is another verse that fixes the Preparation day, and also, the feast day. It destroys the argument, therefore, of a change in the time for holding the Passover and leaves it clear that Jesus did not observe it.

In the light of the above passages the mind must go to something else beside the last Supper when Jesus uses the term "passover." Thank God for the vast amount of clear testimony in favor of the Supper as observed by the brethren.

In our next, and last, article we shall speak about "Go and prepare the passover."

## Home Circle

"Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep"

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A few weeks ago I had occasion to visit an old lady, in her seventy-eighth year, who was very sick. She had never been a Christian, and never been in the habit of attending church, and for the last few years it was impossible for her to do so, even if she had desired. During my visits I read to her many sweet psalms and many precious passages from the gospels, and offered many earnest prayers for her salvation. She was thus led to believe in Christ and be baptized. A short time after this I called again, and while beside her bed, in her bare-walled little room, the dear, patient woman who waits on her, rising up from gazing on her pale, shriveled face, said, "Poor woman! she tries so hard to pray; it is sweet to hear her. I came into the room this morning, as she was lying with her eyes closed, and I saw her lips move, and thought I heard her saying something. It was so hard to understand her; for it is hard for her to breathe at all. I leaned my head down, and heard these words: 'My—soul—to—take.' And then I pressed my ear closer to her lips, and followed her broken sentences thru the little prayer:

"Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray the Lord my soul to take."

"O, it is so nice to hear her pray!"

This poor old lady has begun her Christian life just where she left off over seventy years ago. She is but a child in Christ. She has lost all the privileges and blessings of a long life of service. But, bless the Lord! she is a child in Christ, and her darkness is turned into light. This little prayer is the slender bridge that has spanned this chasm of fruitless years and the abyss of hell, and united her in saving faith with Christ. It is a little thing to accomplish so much; and yet it is the little things that count for most in the kingdom.

Let this little incident encourage us in our work among the children. Let it inspire us to greater diligence in sowing the seeds of truth in their hearts, and developing in them religious emotions. We know not what fruitage they may bear, but we have the assurance that no effort shall be lost.

"Cast thy bread on the waters,  
In the deep, dark stream of life;  
Nor think of the vague hereafter,  
With clouds and sunshine rife."

"Drifting away in distance,  
Lost to our yearning gaze,  
But bread that is cast on the waters  
Is found after many days."

## Sisters' Society C. E.

From the President

Dear Christian Endeavorers:—Conference is drawing rapidly near and we trust you are realizing it to such an extent that your annual report is being made out ready to be sent as directed. I cannot give full instructions in this, as Sister Augustine's letter

in regard to the reports has failed to reach me. Unless she has given you different instructions, send the report of your year's work to me at Warsaw, where I expect to be after August 16, and where I shall expect to find your reports awaiting me when I arrive. If you cannot have them there at that date send as soon after as possible. Our workers are eager to know just how many societies and members we have in each state, and the total number. We'll have one new state, New Jersey, on the list. Let us have every society represented by a delegate, as more thorough business can then be done. I trust you have been preparing for this. I shall be thru visiting the churches of Ohio by the 16, in time to attend the Bible Conference at Warsaw, before our own.

The Farmersville church came in direct line on the way from Gratis to Miamisburg, and tho they have no S. S. C. E., nor any present prospects of having one, I stopped there for one night's meeting. We had a profitable time together and the meeting was not in vain tho I could not see the wisdom of asking for a present reorganization of the Sister's Christian Endeavor, but the State President, Sister Keim, is near and will organize them when they are ready for work again.

At Miamisburg they had also closed down for a season, but were at once ready and some eager, and had been for a long time to take up our beloved work. A severe thunder storm broke up the meeting, Friday night before we had time to effect the reorganization, but Brother Beechler promised to attend to that part. He is superintendent of the Sunday-school and president of their K. C. You'll rejoice to know that he adds one more to the list of theological students for Ashland College the coming year.

I could not remain over Sunday as at first expected, for the program was changed somewhat upon learning more of the condition of the Troy church after which it was thought best to visit them also, if nothing more than to encourage them. The change deprived me of the second meeting with the Dayton sisters making it necessary to give Brother Copp the privilege of organizing them thoroughly under the S. S. C. E., instead of laboring under the narrow Ladies' Aid Society.

'Tis interesting and highly gratifying to notice how, even mission points are beginning to realize the truth of the gospel words, "Give and it shall be given unto you." That if they give a little more, say twenty cents a year, of their hard earned means for worthy objects outside their own needy church, then they may expect to prosper more at home. The sister, a few weeks ago, didn't know she was giving me a forcible illustration of this truth when she was giving me the history of their organization under the S. S. C. E., to the present, still under the same name, tho for a time they had adopted the Ladies' Aid Society. After flourishing and giving hearty support to the general work, the sisters began to reason